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Ursinus College Bookstore Now Under New Management

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Grizzly Staff Writer

While obvious construction goes on steadily between Reimert and the Floy Lewis Bakes Field House, a different kind of construction has been underway in the Ursinus College Bookstore.

As of March 8, 2004, the bookstore is officially under the management of Barnes and Noble College Booksellers, Inc. for the duration of a five-year agreement. The company is a private sister company of the national bookseller Barnes and Noble, Inc. A larger number of less expensive used books is just one of the advantages that a large company like Barnes and Noble can offer to students of

Ursinus College. Students, faculty, and staff were notified of the change by e-mail just before Spring Break.

Work on the interior of the bookstore appears to be far from over. Like the steel skeleton of the Performing Arts Center, the new setup of the bookstore is beginning to hint at the desired final product. There is a different look and feel about the store despite empty spaces and shelves that still need to be filled. Most notable is the extensive collection of novels and popular titles that adorn the right wall of the store.

A lone employee chats with a

student on this particular Saturday morning about many of the authors that appear on the shelves. It is obvious that he is well read and familiar with the collection, both as it is now and how it is intended to be when the store has finished the transition process.

Ursinus clothing and accessories adorn the back wall and a table towards the center of the store, though the collection is limited for now. The most notable difference is the empty gray shelves where course books are normally stockpiled twice each school year. For now they stand completely empty. Those books that were not pur-

chased by students were shipped back by the previous management.

Despite all the potential benefits that can come with a larger company running the Ursinus College Bookstore, some students are still skeptical about the book buying and selling process.

Senior Chris Keller commented from his four years experience at Ursinus: "I personally pay for my own books with money that I make from the summertime. It's a huge expense to buy books and you usually get no money back anyway. I feel like there'll be no change with Barnes and Noble... I'll still get little or nothing back for

my books that I spent my hard-earned money on."

Tom Mathai, a sophomore at Ursinus, felt more confident about the change: "It's probably a better thing. I don't think selling back our books is going to be too big of a deal because I still think they'll buy back the books we used this semester and sell them again in the fall. The curriculum hasn't changed and the books will probably still be the same for the most part."

Though there has been a brief buzz around campus about the shift in management for the bookstore, it is still too early to make any real judgment on how the two com-

pare. The first test comes in a little over a month when students line up to return their books in the hopes of getting a few extra bucks. The second comes at the start of next year when used books are made available and books are needed on time and in stock by students and professors.

The President of Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Inc. has promised "Outstanding customer service" and a "Quick, orderly, and professional transition." Thus far, the latter seems to have been upheld. Hopefully the Ursinus community can look forward to enjoying five years of the former.

Bombing in Madrid Causes Concern for Students' Safety

Brandie Salenetri
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On March 11, 2004 a series of ten explosions rocked four commuter trains in Madrid. The worst terrorist attack in Spanish history killed at least 200 people and injured more than 1,800. During the time of the attacks the Ursinus students studying in Madrid were on spring break.

After the attacks Dean Lucas' phone was ringing continually. She said that she was constantly reassuring parents that their children were safe. Dean Lucas explained, "When you're in a situation where you are not in control, talking to someone else helps to clarify things."

Dean Lucas was in contact with Marisol, who acts as the equivalent of Resident Life for students in Madrid. Each time the students leave Madrid it is required that they complete a travel log so that

Marisol knows the location of each student. These logs proved especially helpful during the attacks. Marisol, in turn, was in touch with Melissa Hardin, Study Abroad Coordinator. At the time of the attacks, none of the students were in Madrid; they were in cities like Paris and Rome.

Parents of the students are now showing concern about the new political party that has taken over Spain. A main concern is that the students will be singled out as Americans. Christine Snyder, a sophomore studying in Madrid said, "In general, I believe our group is much more aware of 'looking' American, speaking English, and other behavior that singles us out as foreigners or Americans."

Snyder also explained that the group in Madrid has not encountered too many Anti-American



A train at Atocha damaged by the explosions. Photo accredited to CNN.com.

sentiments, but one girl from the group was spit on while she was riding the Metro. She said that the group has also seen some slanderous graffiti against Americans. While the group was at Las Fallas, a parade-like celebration, one of

the floats depicted Osama Bin Laden with a sign stating 'Yankees go home.'

Dean Lucas explained that the students were told at an information session, both at Ursinus before they left and again in Spain, to

not look obnoxious and to try to blend in with the population.

Dean Lucas assured me that the students were, "as safe as they can be in Spain as they are anywhere else. The entire world is more dangerous and we all have to be cautious. The more informed people are the more safe they are."

When Snyder heard the news, the four students that she was traveling with in Rome all watched the news in horror. She said, "I can't even describe [how I felt]. It was a horrible feeling not knowing if your friends, professors, host families, etc. were ok. It hit even closer to home, for me at least, than the attacks in New York because this is the city where I live, where I go to school, where I am vulnerable, and where I escaped harm."

This is not the first time that Ursinus students were abroad during an unsure time in the world. Students were to fly to Florence on September 12, 2001, the day after the terror attacks on New York. The students flew to Florence a week later and were able to complete their trip as scheduled. Dean Lucas explained that the outpouring of support for the students in Florence was "gratifying" at a horrible time.

Last year as the United States was about to start the War on Terror, parents showed concern for their children going abroad. Dean Lucas said that Ursinus follows State Department guidelines to ensure that the students are safe while they are away from Collegeville.

It's Registration Time Again

Eden Swick
Grizzly Staff Writer

Well it's that time of year again. Spring has sprung, and the end of the year is approaching more quickly than we expect. Time to search through the course catalog of all the classes Ursinus has to offer, meet with your advisors, and try to fit all major and minor requirements into your schedule.

My advice to you is to get out those course catalogs and make appointments with your advisors soon. For the class of 2005, registration begins as early as March 29 at 10 p.m. and ends April 9. The class of 2006 begins registration the following week from April 2 at 8:30 a.m. until April 9. Finally, the class of 2007 registers from April 7 at 8:30 a.m. until April 9.

Ursinus is going on round two of attempts to register online via the campus web. The instructions are pretty simple, at least in theory. If there is a red dot in the SEATS OPEN spot next to the class you want to take it means that course is either:

- CLOSED; or
- Instructor permission is required to register for the course; or
- Faculty Supervisor (the faculty member that will be grading) name is required at the time of registration; or
- Students will be enrolled from the waitlist in the course after department review.

There have been some mixed reviews of the classes that are

available for fall semester 2004. One of the comments that has been made in Ursinus's favor is the separation of the communication studies and theater department into the theater department and media studies and communication department.

Junior communications major Monica Delaney says that the change in the communications department, "worked out great for me; I have the three classes I want and need and can still fit in my second internship."

For an opposite viewpoint, junior James Lawson comments, "I hate that next year it seems as if they are offering nothing that I need. I want to graduate on time but Ursinus is making that impossible for me. Plus, why aren't there any special interest classes offered, especially with the split of the communications department? You would think that because of that, more professors would be added and more classes would be offered."

Junior neuroscience major Katie Rickerl agrees: "I don't see how I am going to ever fulfill my major and graduate when Ursinus only offers one neuroscience class a semester."

Either way, registration will come, classes will be chosen, and, hopefully, schedules will be filled. So, dust off the course catalogs and do a little research on your own. Then when you meet with your advisor before registering for classes online, it'll be much less of a headache.

The Real World Said Goodbye to Philadelphia

Monica Delaney
Grizzly Staff Writer

Ursinus College is conveniently located about one hour from downtown Philadelphia. As college students, our ages make us *The Real World's* target audience. Therefore, most of us here knew that *The Real World* was taping its next season in Philly. As this season in San Diego with Brad, Randy, Robin, Cameran, Frankie, Jamie and Jacquese is airing, MTV Productions was in the process of taping a fully cast show in Philadelphia.

When MTV made the choice to leave town, it was because a large battle ensued between MTV Incorporated and Philadelphia's construction unions. In front of cameras this week Pat Gillespie, the construction union's president, stuck firmly behind their knock on MTV's producers for even considering employing nonunion construction workers in this city.

Andrew Cassel, a *Philadelphia Inquirer* columnist wrote, "Some-

where deep down, I think Pat Gillespie actually gets it. He even may wonder, now and again, whether labor organizations such as his can have much of a future in a city that many employers regard as a special Keystone No-Opportunities-There Zone (KNOTZ?)." MTV's *The Real World* uses not only nonunion crew and camera people, but were using nonunion construction workers to renovate an Old City office building into one of their striking sets.

Mayor Street said he would try to keep *The Real World* in Philadelphia, but executives said their decision was made and it's goodbye, Philly.

According to Cassel's article, "Gillespie also said Dougherty offered to do *The Real World's* electrical work for \$1. Bunim/Murray [MTV's production company] would not discuss its negotiations with the unions. MTV might not have fully understood the power

of organized labor in the city."

Senior Elly Calhoun says, "The lady I babysit for is up in arms about this. She says Philadelphia is a great place to host that show. It would have just put us more on the map and this is ridiculous."

Senior Denise Cook seems to side with Philadelphia in the debate and says, "I think that MTV needs to suck it up and negotiate with the city if they really want a *Real World* Philly. It doesn't seem like much to ask Philadelphia union workers to be hired. MTV is a wealthy empire that could easily facilitate this."

Senior Jo Nash, an avid *Real World* fan, seems to support MTV's decision: "This is so wrong because it's never been a problem in any other city and MTV is bringing their own cast and crew and it's never been a problem anywhere else. Philadelphia is a great city but they shouldn't feel like they're better than any other city

that has had *The Real World* taped before. The city would get so much recognition and publicity for it so they should really think about the positives."

Junior Eden Swick has an entirely different idea on why *The Real World* was pulled out of the city. "The reason this all happened is because Philadelphia is run by the mob. The mobs control the unions, basically. Therefore, no job in Philly can be done by non-union workers or else there are pickets."

EDITOR'S NOTE: As of Tuesday, March 23, MTV executives have announced that *The Real World* will return to filming in Philadelphia. It is unknown whether the unions will protest during taping.

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Good Food at The Bamboo Club

Mystery Eater
Grizzly Staff Writer

If you run into a long wait at Cheesecake Factory, The Bamboo Club is right next door with great Pacific rim fare and a shorter line.

My friend and I arrived at around 3 p.m., deciding to have a late lunch. The Bamboo Club serves lunch until 5 p.m., and dinner is served from 5 p.m. to close. It wasn't packed at all. The bar was crowded, but not the booths or tables.

The restaurant is decorated with an Asian theme and, of course, there are hints of bamboo everywhere. The seats look like they have been put together with material that resembles bamboo shoots but they're very comfortable.

Our waiter came over right away and asked to take our drink order. Although there were many delicious drinks on the menu, I decided to just have water. He offered to take our order for an appetizer, but we were still choosing. We were thinking about trying the Vegetarian Egg Rolls, the Coconut Shrimp, and the Crispy Crab Wontons.

We agreed on the Crispy Crab Wontons. They came to the table steaming, just out of the fryer. The fried pockets of cheese and crab

were placed on a bed of crispy white noodles and served with two dipping sauces, a raspberry variation and soy. They were delicious and creamy without an overpowering taste of crab. We didn't enjoy the sauces but the wontons were tasty enough by themselves.

For our main course we both ordered shrimp dishes. We also had the Five Vegetable Fried Rice and a side of Woked Mushrooms and Snow Peas. My friend ordered the Tahiti Glazed Shrimp which was a lightly fried shrimp dish with a sweet glaze sauce over it.

I had the Thai Spicy Shrimp with Green Beans. It wasn't too spicy, and the green beans complemented the Thai sauce. Both were incredible. The rice was also delicious but a little soft. The Woked Mushrooms and Snow Peas came in a brown sauce that I didn't care for too much, but it was tolerable. It had a tangy taste to it although it could have been the mushrooms that added that flavor.

It was my fourth time eating at the Bamboo Club, and I thoroughly enjoy it. It wasn't too expensive either for the quality of food. For both of us to eat plus tip it came to a little under \$50.

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Student Opinions

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How to Land That Perfect Job

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It's a dangerous job world after college—College students are ripped out of the world of drinking, dancing, and sleeping and thrown into the world of cover letters, resumés, and interviews. Are we ready? We go to classes each day to learn skills that will prepare us for a lifestyle in the working world. We have a Career Services department available to students with questions. Do we know what types of questions to ask?

Before you worry about moving to a shack somewhere in the middle of Idaho to begin your new life as a self-sufficient potato farmer, relax. There are tons of sites to help you get dressed, get a resumé, and get an interview. Just think of this process as a series of dates. You need to find a candidate, a fabulous outfit, a list of the highlights of your life, and proper date behavior. It can seem daunting, but it can also be fun. The bad part is that you will probably need to go on a lot of dates before you find your match.

Getting Started: Researching Your Company of Choice

If you're going out on a blind date, you want all the information that you can get about your date; you don't want to run into some crazy stalker. It's the same way with a job. You don't want to interview for a company that makes most of its money by animal testing if you're a vegetarian in favor of animal rights. You need to research the company in order to see if your job needs match their company profile.

Before you begin researching your company of choice, do a personal inventory. You need to figure out what you want from a job before you can decide what job you want. Ask yourself a few questions. What do you like to do? What field gets you interested? Examine your hobbies. Are there any that could turn into a career? In what kind of job environment do you want to work? Are you a team-player who longs for casual Fridays or do you prefer a more structured work environment where everyone keeps to themselves in their sparsely-decorated cubicles? How much time and effort are you willing to put into this job? Do you need your weekends free to pursue your love of cliff-diving or helping cancer patients or are you willing to miss must-see TV on Thursday nights?

When you know the company's history, you can subtly mention these facts on the interview to impress your interviewer. Contact the company's human resources or public relations department to send you information about the company or look up the company on the internet to find out basic facts and values.

Meeting People in the Know: Networking

Having a large network is like having a ton of friends just waiting to set you up; You can make connections with every person you meet. Talk to people; let them know that you're looking for a job in a particular field. By adding one person to your network, you're also adding all of their connections. Knowing people also sets you apart from all of the other candidates. If you know someone at a particular company who is respected, you have an "in." If this respected person likes you, you're more likely to be accepted.

Ursinus offers its students ways to network with alumni. The Grizzly*E Alumni Network is a mentoring database that can bring you to alumni working in your field.

This network is accessible through the Career Services Website and contains about 400 alumni.

Another way to network is through job fairs. The college has many opportunities, such as the annual Job/Internship Fair that took place this February where students were able to meet with about sixty employers. At fairs like this, Maria Beazley, Internship Coordinator at Ursinus College, recommends that you prepare a 20-second script that provides important information about you and what you would bring to the company. This script should be memorized but should not sound necessarily scripted.

General Information

As a rule of thumb for both men and women, your hygiene must be at its peak. Also, your clothes are taking center stage, so make sure that your outfit is tailored properly, recently pressed, and clean. All tags from your clothing should be removed and no buttons should be missing. Jackets are a must for both men and women. Your outfit does not have to be expensive, just organized. Trendy items are not suggested because they show unreliability. Although body piercings may be accepted in your culture, remember to remove all visible body piercings.

Avoid smoking on the way to the job interview. You may not notice the smell, but a non-smoking interviewer may be overwhelmed. The same is true of cologne and perfume. You don't want your scent to enter the room before you do and leave a lasting impression. Leaving your interviewer with a coughing fit is not the best first impression.

Remember to leave your backpack at your dorm room because they give off an unprofessional air. Instead, carry a leather portfolio with your resume and extra paper for note taking. A small purse may be acceptable for women, but leave it in your car if you can fit everything you need in your portfolio.

Men's Fashions

Men should select a business suit in a conservative, solid color. If your funds do not allow for a suit, select gray or khaki dress pants and a navy sports jacket. Your tie should not be flashy and distracting; choose a solid or subtle-patterned silk tie. A long-sleeved shirt should always be worn under your suit, even in the hottest temperatures. Your shoes should always match your belt. Polished black shoes should be worn to look more professional. As far as jewelry is concerned, it is advised that you remove all earrings and only wear a conservative watch. Facial hair should either be cleanly-shaven or well-groomed.

Women's Fashions

Women have somewhat harder decisions to make. Even in the 21st century, there is debate about wearing a pantsuit or a skirt-suit. Wearing a skirt-suit is often your best bet because it relays a professional feel. The reality of a work setting is far from the one the media projects. Skirts should not be minis—save those outfits for after-work cocktails. When seated, skirts should cover your thighs. You don't want the interviewer to be staring at your legs the whole time or assume that you are not professional because of your outfit.

Regardless of whether you wear pants or a skirt, it is essential to wear a jacket. This polishes your appearance. Again, conservative colors are your best bet. Navy, charcoal, brown, and black suits

should be selected. You can highlight your look with a simple shirt underneath your jacket. Again, remember to make sure that your shirt isn't revealing too much. Closed-toed shoes are a must as are stockings—the climate is irrelevant. Bare legs again suggest overt sexuality which could turn an interviewer off. Now is not the time to try out *Cosmo*'s latest office look of a sexy camisole under your blazer.

Again, minimal is the keyword. Hair should be pulled back if it is long or unruly. Makeup and nails should be natural. If you choose to paint your nails, opt for a light pink or a French manicure. Jewelry should be kept to one ring per hand, a simple necklace, and one earring per ear.

The Interview

Now that you have found your company, done your homework and shopping, you are ready for your interview. Beazley suggests going to the company's office the day before to do a dry run. Arriving early allows enough time to collect your thoughts and center yourself. Beazley suggests "relaxation exercises that no one will know you are doing." At minimum collect your thoughts, remember why you are there, and what aspects of yourself you plan to sell. This is an aggravating time for students. Beazley explained that students just "don't know what to expect." She suggests seeking help from the Career Services department in the form of a mock interview. Students can be interviewed by Beazley in front of a video camera. By watching the tape, students are able to pick up on their nonverbal actions, such as fidgeting. By the time of the interview, you can correct this habit. She says, "Mock interviews [are used] to get over the experience of actually answering those types of questions."

Although preparing for an interview is a huge plus, it is again important to make sure that your answers do not sound memorized. There are ways to anticipate the common interview questions. Most interviewers will ask for information about yourself and your short- and long-term goals. They will ask the inevitable question: what are your strengths and weaknesses. Never tell the interviewer that you are free from weaknesses, just remember to turn these negatives into positives. The main thing to remember is to provide examples. It's great to say that you

possess these skills, but providing backup wins your case.

If you run into an interviewer who does not ask questions but only talks about the company and the job requirements, turn his comments around. Make the connection for the employer that you are the perfect candidate for the job. If he says that time management is important for this job, give an example of how you manage your time. Explain that you have great time management skills because your work is done on time, you hold a part-time job, and do community service. This interview is all about selling yourself.

Asking the interviewer questions shows that you are not only paying attention but also that you have researched his company. Beazley suggests asking questions related to recent events within the company, as "if you are asking really good questions and have gone that extra mile, employers are really impressed."

When your interview is over, again shake the interviewer's hand, thank the interviewer for meeting with you and ask when you should expect to hear from them. By asking for a general timeline, it gives you an estimate of when to phone to check up on the job.

The Follow-Up: The Interview Is Over, Now What?

Even though you have handled the most stressful part of the job search, you have one stop left. Waiting to hear from your potential employer may be the hardest part. You have essentially had your first date and liked it and you want more. How do you make sure that your potential partner knows that you're interested? You be upright and tell them. It is essential to send a typed professional letter to your interviewer thanking him the same afternoon of your interview. If you cannot get the letter out that night, postmark the letter no later than the next day. This will almost ensure that your letter will arrive at the most two days after the interview. It is important to include contact information again.

The job world may seem scary; it may make you want to run and hide. If you break the process down into simple steps, however, the tasks will not seem as arduous. It will take time to find the perfect match, but imagine how much you can learn from each "date." Use these experiences to land your perfect job.

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ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK GROUP BUILDS HOME IN GEORGIA

Tia Larese

Features Editor

Build 9 Houses in five days.

This was the challenge that 20 Ursinus students chose to accept, as they gave up their spring break to build homes for families in need. The Ursinus Alternative Spring Break group traveled 15 hours to Columbus, Georgia and spent their week with 11 other schools working for Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge. The work was hard, the days were long, but all in all, it was an amazing and rewarding experience.

Sunday

After 15 hours of driving through the night, bathroom breaks, getting lost, and breakfast at the Waffle House we finally arrived in Columbus. Spending that many hours with the same

seven people in one van, you learn some interesting things about them and some things that you wish you never knew. When we finally arrived at the Habitat headquarters, we got all our basic information then headed over to St. Luke's Church, our home for the week, which we shared with 26 students from North Carolina State.

We had the opening ceremonies at a local school (which took a while to find), where we got to compete in the best clean-joke contest (which we didn't win) and meet the family who was going to live in the house we were building

Wanda and her son Jaron. Our group was working with seven girls from Seton Hall University, so the 27 of us designed a poster to give to the family, something they could remember us by.

Monday

BEEP BEEP BEEP. The red glare of the alarm clock said 6a.m. We got up, got ready, and headed to the work site, on time.

There it was—a cement foundation—piles of wood lying on the side—that's all. Standing near the area that would be the front porch was Mac, a local contractor who had volunteered his week to guide us in building a house. It was cold and we were tired then he asked us "So,

did you bring your tools?" We looked at him in disbelief. Apparently, someone had forgotten to pass along the memo that we should bring our own tools. Regardless, we got started right away. The first thing on the list was to put together the outer walls. We grabbed our Habitat hammers, two-by-fours, and went to work. After several hours, all the walls were up, and we decided to break for lunch. At this point our fingers were in pain from hammer attacks. After lunch we began applying plywood to the frame.

A local movie theater was al-

lowing all 240 volunteers to attend any movie of their choice for free after 7pm, so we took advantage of the opportunity. Afterwards, we headed to buy aloe and suntan lotion for those of us who managed to roast in the sun during the day. Then returned to our home base. Visions of hammers danced in our head and all over our fingers.

Tuesday



Our House

After a similar rude awakening of phone alarms, our group got ready and headed out to the site. Today was a lot colder though, the sky was overcast and looked like it was going to pour.

We finished up with the plywood and then moved on to something a little more difficult—the roof. It was definitely a balancing act for those brave enough to attempt to carry the cumbersome triangles to their position atop the frame (the one WE had just built the day before, mind you). Those of us not ready to attempt the roof work spent our time doing a lot of other

work ranging from weatherproofing the sides, cutting plywood for the roof, as well as installing the windows and doors. Using the calk gun was surely an experience in itself.

That evening, we headed out for a group dinner at a local restaurant, then back for bed on our nice cozy floor.

Wednesday

Today was a lot warmer than yesterday, which motivated us to get a lot more done. However, when we got to the site we realized there would be some delay in our plans. Apparently we were lucky enough to have the most difficult roof to build

and as a result, we managed to screw it up and needed contractors to come and help us fix it. Meanwhile, we began to apply plywood to other sections of the roof, and put up siding. It was truly amazing how much it actually resembled a house at this point.

After dinner with the church congregation of St. Luke (who made some absolutely wonderful non-fast food delicacies), we decided to rent some movies and called it an early night. Who knew that there could be such massive amounts of laughter from a tacky, horror flick with a karate-

kicking kid screaming "Pancakes" Thursday

By this point in the week we were definitely tired. We had a lot to do and not many more days to do it in. We continued with the roofing, the siding, and numerous other little projects that sprung up in the past couple days. I was impressed with myself—I finally climbed the ladder up onto the roof. In fact, the entire week us doing things we

danced, Larry juggled, and Leslie, Maureen, and Julia "made rain." The show was amusing, many of the artists joked about the week, some more than others: "Who are we? Not Penn State!"

Friday

We headed to the site ready for action. We worked with a drive to finish and after 4 hours, we did just that. We completed the siding, finished the shingling, and around

noon Nicole, Laura, and Jaisa nailed the last piece in place. It was unbelievable—we had built a house in 5 days (4 and a half if you want to be technical).



The Framework

never thought we could do—like install a window, put up a roof, or even hammer a nail without bending it (when I master this art, I'll be sure to let everyone know).

Around noon, we heard loud cheers from the house next to us—NC State. They had just finished their house! We were shocked. We weren't even close to finishing and they were done. From that point out, we were determined to finish. At the end of the day, a long one at that, we went to change and head over for the Habitat sponsored Talent Show. Josh sang and played guitar, meanwhile Kristin

After numerous photo-ops we present Wanda, the future homeowner with a "welcome home" gift and Mac, our beloved contract, with chalk—since we conveniently lost his on the day that we needed it the most. Afterwards we parted ways and headed back to the church, where we showered, napped, packed our things, and headed on our way. After 15 hours of driving through the night, a dinner stop at McDonald's, bathroom breaks, and taking a few wrong turns we made it back to Pennsylvania—but this time it was different—we had just built a house...

AIRBAND 2004

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Ursinus College, get ready because on Friday, April 2, 2004, Residence Life presents this year's twenty-first annual Airband competition! This fun filled night is absolutely hilarious. It resembles American Idol minus the vocals. Students, faculty, and RA's compete against each other by lip syncing their favorite songs. Each group is given six minutes to strut their stuff and shake their booties on stage in hopes to be the group to impress the faculty judges the most. This tradition is definitely a favorite here at Ursinus. Personally, as an avid airband supporter, the mass turnout by not only faculty and students but friends and family as well is awesome. This event takes place in Wismer dining hall and there is never an open seat left in the place. Not to mention, the best part about airband is that it is all for the sake of charity!

Heading up airband this year are co-chairs Brett Scipioni, Meghan Jarrett, and Laura Bickert. Airband is the largest fundraising activity on campus. Money is raised throughout the spring semester for a charity, and the culmination of the donations is airband. The goal for this year is \$13,000. Money was raised in numerous ways, by asking for

donations from faculty and staff, different campus organizations, local businesses, and stores in King of Prussia. Not to mention each RA on campus is required to raise \$100 in donations. The Ursinus Date Auction also helped raise money, along with the Oscar's Program, the Texas Hold'em and Halo Tournaments, different coin drives, as well as several raffles

The 21st Annual Airband Competition

8pm Wismer
Cost: \$5 In Advance
\$7 At the door

and other activities run by the RA's on campus.

This year, the charity that will receive the proceeds from the donation is the Laurel House. It is a shelter for battered women and their children, located in Norristown. The Laurel House provides these women and children with housing, food, counselors, employment, and legal help in hopes to get them back on their feet in order for them to start a new life minus their abusive partner. This safe haven's ultimate goal is to end domestic violence in

our communities. They work to empower women to achieve self-sufficiency by giving supporting services to them and their children, not to mention a community outreach program and connections to other community services. The Laurel House is committed to assisting any battered woman and her children in need of services regardless of ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, or physical illness.

You can get involved by participating in fundraising events such as the Bear Wear Visor sale, the upcoming flea market on March 28, or attending a Halo tournament coming up soon. The final way you can help out is by attending this event by purchasing a ticket for \$5 during the week of March 29 through April 2 outside of Wismer during lunch and dinner hours, tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$7 and the cost of a ticket if you are in an airband act is \$3. The show begins at 8:00pm, so come on out and check out this impressive, amazing, fantastic, fabulous, extravagant, incredible, and exciting event while watching and supporting those talented acts that have signed up for your enjoyment and entertainment purposes.

THE THRIFTY COLLEGEIAN: Liberty Thrift Shop

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There seem to be fewer and fewer thrift "supermarkets" these days, but Liberty Thrift does an adequate job stocking all the basic necessities of a thrift shop. The store is donation-based and all proceeds support Liberty Ministries, which you might guess given the religious music playing in the stereo.

The women's clothing section is not among the best that I have seen. Few name-brand bargains will be found here, and many of the clothes are obviously worn (some threadbare). The blouses tend to be faded, of poor quality, and usually stained. Decent jeans are also hard to come by. However, the skirt section does offer an assortment of interesting pieces in a wide range of sizes. You will not find any treasures in the women's shoe department, but the store carries a promising stock of purses. Formal purses, some with tags still attached, can be had for as cheap as one dollar. You most likely won't find a formal dress to go with it, unless you like poofy-shouldered dresses reminiscent of 1992.

The men's clothing appears to be of somewhat higher quality. Your typical dress shirts and slacks can be had for very affordable prices. For the metrosexual, a sleek pair of leather cowboy boots (which Liberty has in abundance) completes the look. Other than the

cowboy boots, though, the shoes are not of very high quality, but a pair of dress shoes from the store could adequately complete a business outfit.

Liberty's strength is in its home furnishings department. While you will not find interesting period pieces, they do carry a range of furniture that could work in any dorm room or basement hangout. Pots, pans, utensils, and even liquor decanters can be found on the store's far left shelf. Liberty also has a well-organized and extensive collection of craft supplies for a thrift shop, as well as several shelves of hardcover and paperback fiction and nonfiction works. If you have the patience, thumb through some of the albums. The store's collection looks more like Kenny G than Frank Sinatra, but you might be able to find a good oldies record if you look carefully.

Shopping at Liberty could more adequately be described as hunting. Although the store is incredibly well-organized (perhaps their strongest asset), the interesting pieces that make thrifting for fun all worth while are not easy to come by. In the house wares department, I found a Hawaiian floral print TV-tray, circa 1968, in good condition for \$3. Also, among the antiques, I found what I thought were vintage glass swizzle sticks (a hot collector's item), but were

actually "glass opium smoking devices" a la Woodstock (so the clerk informed me). Liberty also carries a wall of like-new seasonal items, now featuring things for Easter and Valentine's Day.

Overall, the store is characteristic of many donation-based shops in that the merchandise is often of lower quality and reminiscent of (bad) recent trends.

I mentioned that Liberty is incredibly well-organized for a thrift shop. All of the racks of clothing are arranged by size and type of clothing (i.e. skirt, blazer, sweater, etc.), and the house wares section is as neat as can be expected. The clerk who assisted me was extremely courteous, even stopping to search for another set of (real) swizzle sticks for me. The staff might even inform you of when they are planning their big sales, like the "Fill a Bag for \$5" sale when I made my visit.

In conclusion, the kind character of the employees, the occasional surprising finds, the strength of the house wares section, and the incredibly reasonable prices all make Liberty worth the 10 minute drive from Ursinus.

Overall Review:
\$\$\$ out of 5
AVERAGE

Honors Rolling In For Stanton

Stanton Named 1st Team All-American

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UC Senior basketball star Dennis Stanton will need an awfully big trophy room by the time he's received all the honors for his unprecedented final season with the Ursinus Bears.

The newest accolades include 1st Team All-American, 1st Team Academic All-American, and Mid-Atlantic Region MVP. Stanton remains a finalist for the Jostens Trophy, given to the Division III Player of the Year.

By averaging 32.6 points per game, Stanton, the Centennial Conference Player of the Year, led the NCAA in scoring. That scoring average was the highest in the history of Ursinus College, as well as the Centennial Conference.

A 55-point scoring outburst that helped UC defeat previously unbeaten Franklin & Marshall 104-92, also was the highest single-game point total in Ursinus and Centennial Conference history. That performance actually broke his own record of 45 points set earlier in the season when Ursinus handed Johns Hopkins their first league loss of the season.

Stanton's hard work, both on the court and in the class room has merited the highest possible honors for a student-athlete.

"Success hasn't always come easy for me," Stanton said. "I've always worked hard and to be honored feels very rewarding."

Stanton, an English major, carries a 3.65 GPA. His success in

the classroom has been an impressive complement to his success on the court.

To excel in academics, with hectic schedule of practices and games, is a testament to Stanton's character. As a 1st Team Academic All-American, Stanton also took on more of a leadership role this season as the team's only senior.

"As a senior, I try to check in with the younger guys to make sure they are doing okay in their classes. Being in a Liberal Arts school, I may be able to help them with some of the courses that I've also taken in the past," said Stanton. "We try to avoid having problems build up and affect the team. Academics are why we're here, so it's important to stay on top of the coursework."

Stanton knows that juggling school and athletics is no easy task. "Through four years of college, I've pushed myself to keep a good balance between school and basketball. During the season it's im-

portant to maximize your time spent on schoolwork, so I really focus in on academics that much more when I'm in-season."

Stanton's focus on the basketball court isn't too shabby either. He's started talking to agents with hopes of playing ball overseas after graduation, and he will be attending basketball camps by the time June rolls around.

In the beginning of June, Stanton will attend a camp in Florida run by InfoSport. At the end of June, he hopes to get an invite to a highly competitive camp in Italy.

He brings quite a resume to the table. His 1,903 career points make him the all-time leading scorer in Centennial Conference history. He has impeccable range to his jump shot. Nailing 140 three-pointers this season, Stanton shattered league and school records. And 306 three-pointers in his career also broke league and school records.

Currently, Stanton is completing his student-teaching practicum, observing classes at Plymouth-

Whitemarsh High School. Teaching is a career option that Stanton would like to pursue, though right now he is anxious to give playing ball overseas his best shot.

1st Team All-American, 1st Team Academic All-American, Mid-Atlantic Region MVP... Again, that's quite a resume! What comes next for Dennis Stanton is yet to be seen.

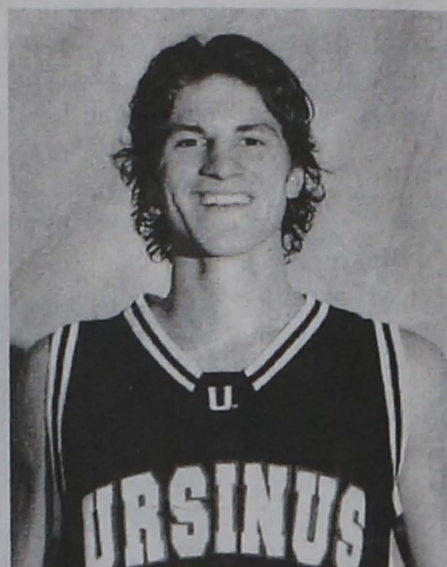
Hopefully, he will be recognized as the Division III National Player of the Year, which he sincerely deserves.

But right now, Stanton will relax and enjoy the final months of his college career.

When asked about his thoughts on all the awards he has earned, Stanton replied, "I take things game-by-game during the season. I really don't pay much attention to any individual accolades when I'm playing. But now that the season is over, I'm starting to let everything sink in, and it feels pretty amazing."

His accomplishments are jaw-dropping. At the same time, he is deserving of all the recognition that comes his way. He sets a great example for student-athletes.

His play on the court, his work in the classroom, and his attitude toward others is a one-of-a-kind model that certainly will be tough to replicate.



Softball Team Dominates

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The Ursinus Women's Softball team is off to a great start with what they like to call a "10 and 0 steez."

After a week in Florida, the girls showed ten schools from across the country just how things are done up in Collegeville.

The girls dominated the field during their first game against Alfred with a 9-0 final score.

Junior Erin Skinner threw a one-hit shutout, striking out six players from the other team to bring the Bears to lead.

Also, playing strong was sophomore Marci Logan who went 3-for-3 with a homerun.

On the same day the girls went up again against Merchant Marine with another wipeout leaving a 3-0 score on the charts.

The girls scored all three runs in the first inning when Logan singled, Senior Denise Cook walked and Senior Kristin Galie singled to load the bases. It was obvious that these girls were on fire.

The following day the girls went up against Lakewood, Kenyon, and Emerson. They beat Lakewood 2-0 and Kenyon 2-1.

Sophomore Amanda Wilson pitched the entire Kenyon game allowing only one hit for the other team but also struck out eight.

Going for another shut out, the girls beat Emerson with a 6-0 win. Striking out 12 batters, the girls were now 5-0 down in Fort Myers.

On the 11th the girls were still on top with another three wins right in a row.

That day the girls controlled St. Mary's ending with a 6-1 score and 15 hits.

Skinner allowed only one run

and struck out 10. Logan was the star of the game with four hits, two RBI's and a run. Senior Jamie Ruhling also scored two runs while Freshman Mary Reid and Sophomore Eileen Caldwell each had two hits.

They beat WPI 8-0 as Cook went 3-for-3 while Ruhling went 2-for-3 with three RBI's.

The next day they took over the field with a 14-1 win to Lesley and a 1-0 win over Salve Regina that went into 8 innings when Cook scored an RBI single.

Ending their 10-0 steez, the girls later beat Curry with a 5-1 win. Reid controlled the team's offense with a double, a triple, and two RBI.

The girls are under the lead of head coach Terry McGowan who's entering his fourth season coaching here at Ursinus.

Captains Jamie Ruhling and Denise Cook are real excited about their trip and are looking forward to a similar season.

Freshman Christina Liberatore commented that "everyone worked well together and all our hard work was shown on the field."

So will the streak last? You'll have to come see for yourself and support the Bears at their home games.

In the near future, they will play the College of NJ on the 23rd at 2:00 and Widener on the 29th at 3:00.

Come support the girls and maybe their season will continue its "steez".

With 15 games left, the girls are keeping their fingers crossed for an amazing season.

Philly Fever: The Agonizing Chronicles of a 21-year-old Philadelphia Sports Fan

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I've got a fever! Yet, all the cowbells in the world couldn't cure this fever, despite what Christopher Walken might suggest.

That's because Philly fever is what I'm talking about here.

It's the only kind of fever that can be excruciating and yet delightful all at the same time.

Growing up in the Philadelphia area has taught me an invaluable lesson about passion and patience, as well as arrogance.

I was born in 1982, and I have not witnessed one single championship among our four beloved major sports franchises (I was a little too young to remember Dr. J in 1983 when the Sixers were the last Philly team to win it all).

No, my year-to-year Philly sports memories all have ended with some unbearable pain, like a rusty dagger to the back.

You see, the thing that makes the Philly story so unique is that each year, we have at least one, if not all of our teams deep in the mix of the playoffs.

Combine that with the unmatched passion from the Philadelphia fan base, and it is inevitable that the expectations will rise just as playoff seeding heats up.

Now, given the recent 0-for-3 tag pinned on the Eagles, it seems almost as though there is some dark cloud that seems to hover over South Philadelphia just as the excitement begins to peak.

I would argue that there are only two cities throughout history which have a franchise that continually punishes their fan base.

A couple of curses (the curse of the goat and the curse of the

Bambino) have come back to life this past year.

Both the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox came oh so close this past season to capturing a pennant in their respective leagues.

Yet, the wait for a World Series from either team is quickly approaching a full century.

But I just can't pity the fans from those two cities as much as some might.

Two reasons being 1) the Chicago Bulls and 2) the New England Patriots.

A handful of championship rings produced by Michael Jordan and two Super Bowl rings in three years are reason enough to dry the tears from my eyes.

So when will I get to see my parade down Broad Street?

Well, let's see. I'll start with the Sixers, because I get the feeling they may not win a championship until after I am gone from this Earth.

The only draw to this team remains Allen Iverson, but his antics, as well as his welcome may soon be worn out.

Though he is, and has been, the only reason to watch a Sixers game, it has become inevitable that the franchise cannot win a championship with him as the team leader.

They are the most recent Philly team to make it to a championship, when they played the role of David versus the Goliath-like L.A. Lakers in the NBA finals in 2001.

And they are also the most recent Philly team to actually win a championship only a short 20 years ago!

But the more Iverson runs his

mouth, the less the Sixers will get in return for him.

It is obvious they will look to move him after this season, but with his declining physical endurance, his unchanged attitude, and his unwillingness to alter his game as he ages make him a nightmare for a team perhaps willing to part with an equally talented star in the instance of a trade.

There just isn't much to look forward to here in terms of a possible championship in the near future. My prediction; 50 consecutive losing seasons in the abysmal Eastern Conference!

So let's turn our attention to the Flyers. Here is a team that is in the Stanley Cup Playoffs year after year.

But their failure to make it to the Finals since 1997 makes it difficult for fans to get giddy each year that owner Bob Clarke tinkers with the entire roster in hopes of putting an elite team on the ice.

And Bob Clarke should know a thing or two about winning hockey. He was a part of the 'Broad Street Bullies', winning consecutive Stanley Cups in 1975 and 1976.

The team, as a franchise has seven Finals appearances.

Yes, this year's version is a very capable squad. Barring significant injuries to more key players, they should contend to win the East.

Jeremy Roenick is contemplating retirement, and Captain Keith Primeau has post concussion problems.

As always, they'll need to get past New Jersey, along with the likes of Ottawa, Toronto, Boston, and Tampa Bay.

That's quite a list of obstacles! So, no matter how good this team is, there still is a lot of hockey to be played.

My prediction; this year is no different than recent years. Goaltending is destined to break down at some point during the playoffs, despite goalie Robert Esche's solid play this season. It's just the way it has to be here in Philadelphia.

But that is why we've got the Phillies. This year's team, though not yet a proven playoff team, looks nearly flawless on paper.

Of course, that is why they go out and play 162 games per year.

This year's team reminds me a little bit of the 1993 Phillies, minus the mullets and the chewing tobacco.

They remind me of the blue-collar workman-like style that the 1993 team was known for, now with guys like Billy Wagner, Jim Thome, Mike Lieberthal, Placido Polanco, and Kevin Millwood clocking in every day.

It's yet to be seen if this team is as gritty, but they are recognized as deep and talented. It took a while to build a respectable team (it must be nice to be a Yankees fan), but now the Phils have arrived and we'll see what happens.

It's been about a quarter century since current manager Larry Bowa was a member of the 1980 World Series Champions.

Those images of Tug McGraw, arms raised to the sky, are still imprinted in the minds of Phillies fans.

Of course, I was not born yet. No, my lasting images are of Joe

Carter belting a Mitch Williams meatball over the left-field wall back in the 1993 World Series.

Between then and now there has been countless losing seasons. Which is why now is a great time to be hopeful.

The Phillies do, in fact, have a playoff-capable team. But with the new-look Houston Astros and Chicago Cubs, along with the current 12-time defending NL East champion Atlanta Braves, the road to the World Series will not be easy.

My prediction; the Phils will lose in the NLCS to Houston, though they will finally win the NL East.

And finally, that brings me to the gleam in the eye of the Philadelphia sports fan; the Philadelphia (0-for-3) Eagles.

Once again, in 1980 I was not yet the stellar-looking young man I am today, and so I have no ties to Wilbert Montgomery, Ron Jaworski, and the rest of the 1980 Eagles team that went to the Super Bowl.

And, oh yeah, they lost to the Oakland Raiders after Jaworski threw three interceptions.

You'd have to go back another 20 years before that point to 1960 when they actually won the NFL Championship (not yet even referred to as the Super Bowl), playing their home games at Franklin Field.

Veterans Stadium is a pile of dust.

As sad as that may be to some, I hope it takes with it the agony that seems to surface annually on Broad Street.

But, as Eagles fans, all we can do is continue to be optimistic.

Admittedly, I was ready to jump right off of the Eagles' bandwagon for the first time in my life after this year's playoffs and watching our receivers audition for their part in a 'Football's Greatest Follies' video. That is, unless they addressed their most dire needs in the off-season; a big-time wide receiver and a pass rusher that won't allow opposing quarterbacks the time to learn a foreign language while standing in the pocket. Enter T.O. (All-Pro Wide Receiver Terrell Owens). Enter 'The Freak' (All-Pro Defensive End Jevon Kearse).

Now, of course, all is well in Eagles land. The fan base, including myself, will continue to boast about the possibility of a Super Bowl once again this year.

And because Ursinus College is on the outskirts of the Philadelphia metropolitan area, all others will have no choice but to endure our stubbornness and arrogance.

That's right folks; the 'birds' are primed for another run at the promise land.

My prediction: domination in the regular season and, of course, 0-for-4 in the NFC Championship bout. Would you have it any other way?

But I will always save one sick day from work in case I have to attend a parade on Broad Street. What a day that will be in the City of Brotherly Love!